Statement

The C.B.I. registered a case in November, 1988 against one fertilizer company viz. M/s. Punjab Phosphates Pvt. Limited, Chherahta, Amrit-sar, (earlier the name was Punjab Fertilizer & Pesticides Industries Ltd.) and 33 other persons. M/s. Punjab Fertilizer & Pesticides Industries Ltd. was registered in 1979. It is alleged that it received subsidy amounting to about Rs. 3.38 crores for the period December, 1880 to April, 3587 on the basis of bogus documents without manufacturing any Single Super Phosphate (SSP) fertilizer. The case is at the final stage of investigation by the C.B.I.

Import-export by the Maruti Udyog Ltd.

*73. SHRI SOMPAL:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imports by the Maruti Udyog Ltd. are more than its exports;

(b) if so, the import-exprot figu re;: of MUL, in monetary terms, du ring the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that less than 50 per cent of targetted export quota of cars in 1990-91 was fulfilled: if so. the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that domestic supply of Maruti cars has been cut down to boost exports;

(e) whether it is a fact that Ja panese Principals of MUL have closed down the production of 800 cc cars; and

(f) whether this has helped MUL, if so. to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Import-Export figures of Maruti Udyog Ltd. during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Foreign exchange spent for import of components.		Foreign exchange earned.			
			Exports	Local sales in foreign exchange.	Total	Total
	(Rs. crore)	(US$* Million)	(Rs. crore)	(Rs. crore)	(Rs. crore)	(US$* Million)
1988-89	162·59	114·12	7·48	6·30	13·78	9·59
1989-90	171·93	105·04	30·57	9·32	39·89	24·32
1990-91	171·14	96·41	32·25	**40·66	72·91	41·08
(Provisional)						

* Convened at the average exchange rate.

** Including deposits for Maruti 10 GLX.

(c) Yes, Sir. The main reason was that the dealer in France went bankrupt.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Private Companies showing interest in Doordarshan

*74. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA;
SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indian and foreign-based companies have evinced interest in Government's riier of privatisation of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the names of the companies and proposals made by them;

(c) what is Government's readier. thereto; and

(d) what is the rationale behind making this offer to private companies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) A number of individuals/agencies including Non-Resident Indians, as indicated in the Statement laid on the Table of the House, (See below), have shown interest in establishment of broadcasting facilities or sharing time on the existing broadcasting network or to generally associate themselves with the competition in the electronic media.

(c) and (d) The Government is of the view that competition is necessary in the electronic media in order to cater to the growing information need of the country, especially, in the context of rapid technological advancement the world over.

Statement

S. No. Name of the Party

1. M/s PTI-TV Delhi
2. M/s The Observer Channel Delhi and Bombay
3. M/s Rajdhani Films (P) Ltd. New Delhi
4. M/s TEDCO International Ltd. London
5. M/s TV Programme Producers Guild of India Calcutta
6. Mls. Paradigm Media Bombay
7. M/s ATHIRSTAM Madurai
8. M/s Business India Television New Delhi
9. M/s Times Televsion New Delhi
10. M/s Asian News International New Delhi
11. M/s A.A.A. Films Motion Pic ture Producers, Bombay
12. M/s India Today New Delhi
13. M/s Gredence Sound and Vision Ltd. Bombay
14. M/s Internews Private Ltd. New Delhi
15. M/s Yash Raj Films Bombay
16. M/s International Television Broadcasting, INC New York
17. Shri Ramanand Sagar Bombay
18. Shri Vinay Dhumale Bombay
19. M/s Eastern News & Feature Agency (P) Ltd., Calcutta
20. M/s Creative Eye Pvt. Ltd. Bombay
21. Mr. Ashok Roy Silchar
22. M/s 7th Channel Video Corporation Madras
23. M/s United News of India New Delhi
24. M/s HTV New Delhi